

**Patent** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Thomas P. Hommrich et al.

Application No.: 09/871,924

Filed: June 1, 2001

For: METHOD, APPARATUS AND

SYSTEM FOR GROUPING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 Examiner: Dennis William Ruhl

Art Unit: 3629

Confirmation No.: 1386

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on TANUARY 9, 2006

Cathy A. Kerr
Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

Signature January 9, 2006

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 7, 2005, applicants hereby without traverse elect the species of claim 1 for prosecution if no generic claim is held to be allowable. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 through 23 are associated with the species of claim 1 that has been elected.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that at least claims 1 through 23 be examined after this election.

Also enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

If there are any charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

Dated: <u>Januar</u>, 2006

Lester J. Vincent Reg. No. 31,460

12400 Wilshire Blvd. Seventh Floor Los Angeles, CA 90025-1026 (408) 720-8300